

Board of Selectmen Minutes (Unapproved)
February 12, 2018 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents. Selectman Brian Gordon was not present.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
2. **Mr. Spaulding presents the 2018/19 First Selectman's Proposed Budget PowerPoint** see attached.

Mr. Gordon submitted several questions earlier in the day which Mr. Luiz read aloud. These questions were about the capital budget, specifically the track and tennis court repairs. Mr. Ungar (Parks and Recreation Director) explained that the track needs to be resurfaced every 5 years, and this will be the last time it can be resealed, stating that in another 5 years the track will need to be replaced. Mr. Ungar also explained that there are several line items within the capital budget that have been shared with the BOE, such as the Middle School Pool. Mr. Grozinger asked about a written agreement with the BOE regarding funding these capital items. Mr. Luiz stated no, but it is something to consider going forward.

Mr. Luiz read another question from Mr. Gordon which was regarding the increase in staffing in student services on the BOE side and does that have an impact on our Youth Services Dept. Mr. Spaulding said it does have an effect. He stated that now our Youth Services Director will be a Part Time position, not Full Time. He explained that the school has implemented SRO, ESS (effective school solutions) as well as social workers in the middle school and because of these additional resources we can scale back on youth services director hours.

Mr. Luiz read some a few other questions brought up by Mr. Gordon including Bisceglie Pond and future expenses. Mr. Ungar spoke about the capital expense coming up for resurfacing the pond. Mr. Luiz asked Mr. Ungar about usage and what would be other places residents could swim if we didn't have Bisceglie Pond. Mr. Ungar explained the Middle School Pool wouldn't be an option in July due to day camps and the pool closes for most of August for maintenance.

Mr. Luiz asked another of Mr. Gordon's questions which was about the transfer station how it compares to similar communities. Mr. Luiz said he would look into this. Mr. Luiz also brought up the grader that needs to be replaced. Mr. Lametta suggested looking for a used one. Mr. Spaulding said maybe this is something that can be shared with another town.

Mr. Luiz then reviewed some budget requests that couldn't be granted this year but will be looked at in years to come, such as an increase in the hours for the Assistant Assessor and an increase to the Tree Warden's budget for more tree cutting.

Mr. Luiz also discussed some planned special appropriations in the future for items such as communications equipment and the Fire Department Roof.

Mr. Grozinger asked questions about the deficit in the BOE Budget; Mr. Spaulding explained that part of that is the reduction in outplacements. Mr. Luiz then explained that the town expects revenues from tax sales.

Mr. Grozinger would like to see a break out of all the reserve funds. Mr. Darling replied he would prepare that chart for him.

Mr. Grozinger asks about regionalization options and about the increase in budget for the Registrar's Office. Registrar Mike Zegers explained the need for the increase due to the upcoming primaries this year.

Mr. Spaulding thanked all the department heads for their hard work in putting their budgets together.

3) Mr. Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:59pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant